

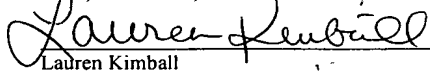
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Attorney Docket No.: LAM1P155D1

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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))**  
(Continuation, Divisional or Continuation-in-part application)

Mail Stop Patent Application  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:  
**Thomas D. Nguyen**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REDUCING He BACKSIDE FAULTS DURING  
WAFER PROCESSING**

Assigned to :

This application is a ☐ Continuation ☒ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part

of prior Application No.: 09/747,703, from which priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 is claimed.

The specification has been amended to claim priority from the parent application, or such amendment is included in a separate sheet.

**Application Elements:**

☒ **32** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract

☒ **8** Sheets of formal Drawings

☒ Declaration

☐ Newly executed

☒ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d) for a continuation or divisional).  
The entire disclosure of the prior application from which a copy of the declaration is herein supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

☐ Deletion of inventors Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Do not publish this application. Non-publication Request is attached.
- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Power of Attorney
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment (*New claims numbered after highest original claim in prior application.*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Other:

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

☐ Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
TOTAL	24	MINUS	20	= 4	x 18 =	72.00
INDEP.	4	MINUS	3	= 1	x 86 =	86.00
[ ] First presentation of multiple dependent claim					\$290 =	
Basic Filing Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.16(a)					\$770 =	770.00
TOTAL						928.00
SMALL ENTITY 50% FILING FEE REDUCTION (if applicable)						

- ☒ Check No. 21861 in the amount of \$928.00 is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees beyond the amount enclosed which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. LAM1P155D1).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- ☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. LAM1P155D1).
- ☒ Please send correspondence to the following address:

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**NONPUBLICATION REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION  
(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application has not and will not be the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen (18) months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application **NOT** be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

Date: 3-16-04



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